



# Keeping Trees Away From Powerlines

## Annual Vegetation Management Around Distribution Lines



To ensure the safety of our customers and communities, PG&E is taking steps every day to keep trees away from powerlines, improve the safety and reliability of our electric system and reduce the risk of wildfires. This includes working with our customers year-round to manage trees and shrubs located near powerlines that could cause a wildfire or power outage.

### As part of our annual safety work, we:

- **Cut down dead, diseased, defective or dying trees** with the potential to strike the powerlines
- **Maintain a minimum clearance of 1.5 feet around powerlines** with a minimum clearance of 4 feet in high fire-threat areas
- **In some cases, trees may be pruned** to 12 feet minimum around powerlines in order to maintain clearance year-round

**We carefully and frequently inspect all trees and shrubs located near electric equipment** to ensure we are addressing those that pose a safety concern. This annual work takes place across approximately 81,000 miles of electric distribution lines and equipment every year, with some locations inspected multiple times a year.

### What Customers Can Expect



PG&E will **inspect trees and shrubs** on your property throughout the year to identify any safety risks.



If any safety work is planned for your property, you can expect to be **notified by phone calls, postcards and door hangers**.



After work is finished, crews will **conduct follow-up quality inspections** to ensure required safety standards are met.



### Learn More

If you have any questions about this safety work, please contact **1-877-295-4949** or [wildfiresafety@pge.com](mailto:wildfiresafety@pge.com). You can also learn more by visiting [pge.com/trees](http://pge.com/trees).



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